

NEAR BLIZZARD

*Day of Paul's (L) knee  
operation by Dr Hugh  
West*

# Blustery snowstorm rips into Utah with a vengeance

*Winds of up to 51 mph  
usher the front into S.L.  
area. Some canyons closed.*

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Scattered power outages, canyon closures, a university shut-down and traffic accidents followed when a snowstorm ripped into Utah Thursday morning.

"We had a frontal passage this morning that hit with a vengeance," said William J. Alder, meteorologist in charge of the Salt Lake Forecast Center, National Weather Service. The storm caused "near-blizzard conditions" around the Point of the Mountain.

The front blasted through Salt Lake City around 4:20 a.m., with winds from 40 to 50 miles per hour. A gust of 51 mph rocked Kearns.

Heavy snow began falling by about 5 a.m. in Salt Lake City. "Our lightning detection system

picked up some lightning," Alder added.

As the front spread through the state, snow began falling about an hour after the winds. "First hour, everybody gets about 2 to 3 inches, then we get about 2 inches the next hour," Alder said.

Northern Utah seemed hardest hit. Drivers commuting from Davis County to Salt Lake City found slick roads, especially on the main corridors of I-15 and U.S. 89.

Weather caused a four-car accident, with two of the vehicles colliding head-on, north of U-193 on U.S. 89. The accident at the Hill Air Force Base interchange near Weber Canyon required extraction equipment, and one victim went to Davis Hospital and Medical Center with minor injuries.

A semitrailer truck slid into the I-15 median at the north end of Davis County and had to be towed, disrupting traffic between 6:30 a.m. and 7 a.m.

In the early morning, Brigham City was blanketed with 8 inches;



Maintenance supervisor Carole Quilter clears away snow on a pedestrian bridge at Gallivan Utah Center

Trenton, Cache County, 6 inches; Tooele, 5 inches; Stansbury Park, Tooele County, 5 inches. The Salt Lake region got 3 to 5 inches.

The storm was expected to drop 1 to 2 feet of snow in the mountains and 5 to 8 inches in the valleys.

Although Friday should offer a respite, more snow is expected Saturday.

Weber State University, Ogden, closed Thursday morning. "The storm's quite more severe up here in the northern half of the state,"

said WSU spokeswoman Melinda Rock Thursday morning.

WSU's concern was that uncleared parking lots and streets could hamper the 13,000-plus stu-

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Indian Sen. Dick Lugar, with his money and support low, decided to sit out primaries during the next two weeks. Lugar, saying he has no plans to get out of the race, scheduled a news conference Thursday in Washington to outline his plan to focus on New England's regional March 5 primary.

New Hampshire primary. Buchanan has made opposition to market globalization a centerpiece of his campaign, denouncing the North American Free Trade Agreement, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the World Trade Organization.

Wednesday night, Perot seemed to be anticipating that Buchanan will be stopped and that a home will be needed for those who hold views expressed by the GOP insurgent. Perot predicted that Republicans and Democrats will go into the fall campaign with free trade at the center of their program.

"I think you can count on both parties being of that philosophy because they were bought and paid for by the lobbyists who wanted that (free trade)," he said. "They all voted for it. It was a bipartisan effort that put those (agreements) through."

Senate leaders like Assistant Majority Whip Lyle Hillyard's income tax-cutting bill. That bill would cut the top rate from 7.2 percent to 7 percent and raise the top bracket from \$7,500 a year in income to \$10,000. If, in the property tax mix, there isn't enough

million. "There is general support," said Fox, "to allocate \$4.5 million to allow self-employed people to write their health insurance costs off" on their income taxes, like many businesses do now for their employees. "This is only fair," she added, and will be a tax cut for those self-employed individuals as well.

As heavy snow fell overnight in the West, fog and clouds covered much of the eastern half of the nation Thursday, and temperatures were headed back to record levels in Texas.

Fog advisories were posted at airports across parts of the Midwest and along the East. Visibility

In the West, more snow was forecast. In Texas, temperatures soared over 100 degrees in some areas. Wednesday's record high at Dallas-Fort Worth airport was 94, breaking the mark of 84 set in 1925. Nine other cities had records in the high 90s.

## Prosecutors' Sheppard files vanish

CLEVELAND (AP) — Prosecutors have apparently lost their files on the late Dr. Sam Sheppard, whose conviction and acquittal in the 1954 murder of his wife inspired the TV series and movie "The Fugitive."

Terry Gilbert, the lawyer representing Sheppard's son, Sam Reese Sheppard, 48, of Oakland, Calif., said Thursday that prosecutors cannot explain where the two thick files have gone. The younger Sheppard is trying to clear his father's name and contends that another man committed the murder.

A judge has ordered all files on the celebrated case turned over to the court. Common Pleas Judge Ronald Suster on Thursday was hearing a motion that Sheppard filed to have his father declared innocent and wrongly imprisoned.

The Plain Dealer reported that

the missing files contain police reports from the case, witness statements and vital investigative notes compiled by the prosecutor's office.

Authorities believe that former prosecutor John T. Corrigan unknowingly took the documents with him when he retired in 1991. Corrigan, 75, has Alzheimer's disease and is now a patient at a veterans home.

Sheppard was convicted of beating his wife, Marilyn, to death and served 10 years in prison before the Supreme Court reversed the conviction on grounds that publicity made it impossible for him to get a fair trial.

Represented at his second trial by a young F. Lee Bailey, Sheppard was acquitted in 1966. But he died in 1970 at age 46, knowing that people still believed him a murderer.

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dents who commute to the campus daily.

Big and Little Cottonwood canyons near Salt Lake City were closed. Little Cottonwood recorded up to 10 inches in two hours. At Parleys Canyon, the Utah Highway Patrol ordered large trucks to use chains.

U.S. 40 through Daniel's Canyon between Heber City and Vernal was closed. "They've got white-out conditions," said a patrol spokeswoman.

Winter storm warnings were issued for many Utah mountain areas, and heavy storm warnings flew until noon in the valleys of the Wasatch Front.

Before the storm actually hit, St. George recorded a wind gust of 68 miles per hour.

A few isolated electrical outages were blamed on the storm. A circuit went out at a Cedar City substation, said Dave Eskelsen, spokesman for Utah Power.

Outages were reported Thursday morning in the Capitol district of Salt Lake City and in Centerville. The outages were about an hour or less, Eskelsen said.

"Out in Tooele County, the town of Erda was out for a while because of a problem at our substations."

Smoggy inversions like the one suffered by northern Utah recently can contaminate power insulators with dust, he said. "Then when it just starts to rain or snow and wet it down, sometimes that material will conduct a little bit of electricity and cause a fault on the line."

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